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SUBJECT: DEA COOPERATION WITH BULGARIA

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1. EMBASSY AGREES WITH RECOMMENDATION REFTEL THAT BULGARIANS BE INFORMED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE OF REORGANIZATION WHICH NOW PLACES RAKOWSKY UNDER DEA, RATHER THAN CUSTOMS.
2. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY NCO HAS NOT DISCUSSED THIS WITH BULGARIAN CUSTOMS OFFICIALS, THEY ARE AWARE OF OUR EFFORTS TO CENTRALIZE DRUG ENFORCEMENT INTO ONE AGENCY. NEWS OF DEA RESPONSIBILITY WILL PROBABLY COME AS NO SURPRISE TO THEM.
3. IT IS EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT THAT US-GOB COOPERATION HAS GROWN TO POINT THAT IT IS UNLIKELY THEY WILL SEVER CONTACT AS RESULT OF US BUREAUCRATIC SWITCH. AS FOR CONTINUING LIAISON WITH RAKOWSKY, THEY WILL BE LESS
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COMBERNED ABOUT WHO HE WORKS FOR THAN WHAT HE ACTUALLY

DOES. HE HAS BUILT UP GOOD RAPPORT WITH BULGARIAN
OFFICIALS AND SO LONG AS HE CONTINUES TO DEAL ONLY WITH
GOB CUSTOMS, WE BELIEVE THEY WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT
HIM AS CUSTOMS OFFICIAL UNDER ANOTHER NAME. WE FURTHER
AGREE THAT NO EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE, UNDER ANY CIR-
CUMSTANCES, TO HIDE HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH DEA. ADVISE.
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